is about Rs. 12.00 crores. The State Government has requested to provide 50% contribution, i.e., Rs. 6.00 crores for the said purpose.

(c) As sufficient facilities for testing quality of petroleum products are available in Gujarat, the Government is of the view that a separate set up is not required.

Mandatory sale of ethanol-doped petrol

720. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided that the sale of 5 per cent ethanol-doped petrol i.e. Gasohol would be mandatory in certain States and Union Territories from 1st January, 2003;

(b) if so, the names of such States and UTs;

(c) the estimated reduction in oil import dependency of the country as a result of above decision; and

(d) the details of the incentives proposed to be given to the sugarcane growing farmers who provide necessary ingredient for Gasohol?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The States are Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh and the Union Territories are Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Chandigarh and Pondicherry.

(c) At the initial stage it would facilitate foreign exchange earnings through export of the quantity of hydrocarbons made surplus.

(d) The amendment in Sugar Development Fund Act 1982 facilitating financial assistance for manufacturing anhydrous ethanol and co-generation of power from bagasse, in addition to proposed reduction in excise duty on sale of 5% ethanol doped petrol would indirectly benefit the farmers.

Petrol Pumps in Gujarat

721. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of companies running their own petrol pumps in Gujarat, location-wise; and

(b) the names of persons to whom these coco pumps and jubilee pumps have been rented out during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The following Oil Companies are operating their own Company Owned Company Operated (COCO) retail outlets and/or Jubilee Retail Outlets at various locations in the State of Gujarat:

(1) Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.
(2) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd.
(3) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd.
(4) IBP Co. Ltd.

None of these retail outlets has been rented out to any person. Each of these retail outlets is operated by an officer of the connected Oil Company as over-all incharge of the outlet. Labour assistance is provided to the officer through a contractor.

Off-Loading of equity from ONGC by GAIL

722. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether GAIL has decided to seek its equity of 4.8 per cent in ONGC; and

(b) if so, what would be the new equity structure of ONGC and what impact it would have on its management structure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Tourist Centres in U.P.

723. Prof. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tourism projects formulated for Uttar Pradesh, district-wise;

(b) the number of those which have been completed, project-wise/ district-wise; and

(c) the details of future plan for opening different tourist centres in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) During the 9th Plan, 104 tourism projects were sanctioned in Uttar